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TAGS: EAID, LA, US

SUBJECT: AID AND USAID IN LAOS

REF: VIENTIANE 3593 (NOTAL)

BANGKOK FOR LAOS SUPPORT OFFICE

CANBERRA FOR HABIB

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM THE PGNU ORALLY THAT WE  
ARE PREPARED TO CLOSE DOWN THE USAID MISSION BEGINNING IM-  
MEDIATELY AND TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY TO WITHDRAW USATD  
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PERSONNEL. THIS MUST RPT MUST INCLUDE OF COURSE THE FULL  
ACCESS TO AND USE OF PRESENT USAID PROPERTY, FREEDOM FROM  
HARASSMENT AND OF MOVEMENT, AND THE SAFE WITHDRAWAL OF  
USAID PERSONNEL TOGETHER WITH THEIR PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

YOU SHOULD SEEK THE PRIMIN'S PERSONAL ASSURANCES IN THIS REGARD.

2. UNLESS YOU BELIEVE IT WOULD INCREASE DANGER TO AMERICANS, YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM THE PGNU THAT THESE STEPS WILL REQUIRE US ON OUR PART TO SUSPEND ALL AID PROGRAMS, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, INCLUDING DELIVERY OF MATERIALS PRESENTLY EN ROUTE TO LAOS. THIS IS NECESSITATED BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT INABILITY OF USAID MISSION TO OPERATE. YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER,

REITERATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO PGNU IDEAS REGARDING AID. YOU SHOULD MAKE NO REPEAT NO COMMITMENTS OF ANY KIND, TO FUTURE AID AND ITS ADMINISTRATION BUT PROMISE TO REPORT THEIR VIEWS TO WASHINGTON AS THE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

3. FYI: WE WOULD HOPE THAT DEPARTURE OF PERSONNEL, INCLUDING CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL, COULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN AT MOST A WEEK OR TEN DAYS, ALTHOUGH YOU SHOULD NOT INDICATE THIS TO PGNU. PERSONNEL SHOULD DEPART QUICKLY BUT IN DIGNIFIED AND ORDERLY MANNER. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AND DETAILED PLANS. IF PRIMIN OR OTHER LAO OFFICIAL SHOULD RAISE QUESTION OF FEOF, YOU SHOULD SAY YOU WILL REFER IT TO WASHINGTON AND YOU SHOULD GIVE US YOUR VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. WE ARE NOT INITIATING STEPS AT THIS TIME TO TERMINATE COMMODITY PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS AND EXISTING CONTRACTS. THIS STEP IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT WE BELIEVE IT PREMATURE AT THIS MOMENT. WE WILL COMMUNICATE FURTHER BEFORE TAKING SUCH STEPS.

4. FOR BANGKOK. SUPPORT OFFICE SHOULD SUSPEND ALL AID DELIVERIES TO LAOS AND HOLD MATERIAL IN BANGKOK UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. INGERSOLL

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